

## Avoiding Run-Ons

**A. Directions:** Some of the following groups of words are run-on sentences. Identify each run-on and then correct it in the space provided. If an item is correct as it stands, write *C*.

1. Rugby is a popular sport throughout the world, it is related to soccer.

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2. The name *rugby* comes from Rugby School in England, it was here that the first game was played in 1823.

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3. Rugby actually started during a soccer game a student named William Webb Ellis picked up the ball and ran with it.

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4. A rugby ball looks much like an American football it is easier to kick and harder to pass.

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5. Rugby players may carry, kick, and throw the ball, but forward passes are not allowed.

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**B. Directions:** Read the paragraph. Rewrite the run-ons as clear, correct sentences. HINT: There may be several ways to correct the run-on sentences.

(6.) Lacrosse is an exciting, fast-paced team sport. (7.) Lacrosse players need endurance, North American Indians played an early form of the game as part of their war training. (8.) The Indians called their game *baggataway* the sport's modern name comes from the French Canadians. (9.) At the time, hooked sticks with nets were used to throw, catch, and carry the ball. (10.) These sticks reminded French settlers of a bishop's staff or crozier, they called the game "la crosse" ("the cross").